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The criminal shown in the middle is also responsible for the terror in Chile. The Nixon gang supports the dictatorship there.



Protest in Chile

by Debbi Newton

On Wednesday, April 10, the Chile Protest Coalition held a forum with guest speaker James Ritter, a Professor at the University of Buffalo. Professor Ritter recently returned from Chile where, while being held as a political prisoner during the military junta, he was severely beaten.

For more than one hundred years in the past Chile had been subject to British occupation. Following World War I American Economic Aid in the form of corporate interests — Dow Jones Chemical Company;

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State Scholarship Commission

Students from middle-income families should now find it easier to obtain guaranteed student loans from banks, savings and loan associations and other commercial lenders.

On April 18, President Nixon signed into law a resolution reopening the guaranteed loan program to the segment of the population which the loans were initially designed to assist. The new regulations will become effective on June 3, 1974, and will enable lending institutions to help middle-income families without having to make a cumbersome analysis of the families' need.

New regulations, the result of agreement on the part of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate with the Report of the Joint House-Senate Conference Committee on House Resolution 12253, restore much of the decision-making process to the lending institutions.

Under the new law, all students from families having an adjusted family income of under \$15,000 are automatically eligible for a subsidized loan of not more than limits set by GHEAC: \$1500 per academic year for undergraduate students and \$2000 for graduate students per academic year. Thus, the subsidized loan program is returned to the simpler loan program of prior years, with the \$15,000 adjusted family income cutoff level.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

April 20, 1974

Mr. Blue and White

Dear Ladies of Spelman,

It is my pleasure to address you and give my final words in an open letter. For an overall review the year has been beautiful and enriching.

As institutions prosper and develop many changes are brought about. Some are constructive and some are not. This year, Spelman College found herself in the funnel of change. And primarily this came about through the administration of your Student Government Association, 1973-74. For the administration, as well as the students of Spelman, it proved to be one of ups and downs, yet many good points can be found.

Dyan Raysor has demonstrated herself as being a leader. Along with her administration came many constructive things, and still one can possibly note that there were some things which did fall through. Yet, this can always be noted about the overall program of organizations, associations and their functions. And to Dyan and her administration I am grateful.

There were innovative ideas expressed and carried through. Because of finding ourselves in what some call the "Sexual Revolution," there has been a desire to develop the concepts of Women's Liberation, the ill-effects of male chauvinism, the role of the Black male and to define the role of the Black Woman.

My years at Morehouse College have brought me in contact with several people, a certain type of people which can not be found in any other setting as the Atlanta University Center. Through my years of matriculation I have learned to appreciate very dearly, as I call you — "The Ladies of Spelman." Though there are variations among you at this institution of academic excellence, there is a bond which makes you Spelman Women. When I speak of the Spelman Woman I do not address myself to the traditional Spelman Woman, but to the new awakening Spelman Woman. One who is endowed with pride of being Black, one who has purpose and one who sees a mission for herself. This is the new awakening Spelman Woman. She has beauty; not only individual physical beauty, but beauty which exemplifies itself inwardly. This I have found in the Spelman Woman.

My four years around here I have learned to respect, love and appreciate you. I guess I have gotten into the spirit that is supposedly there between Morehouse and Spelman. Even further, I have learned to appreciate your professors.

Yes, I have become very attached to Spelman and have developed friendships that will follow me to my grave. And these friendships have proven to be binded not only in words, but also in actions.

When I confronted you in the earlier part of last semester I promised to you that I would make this position functional. This promise I kept. There were many parts that I played, the majority being unpublicized. The position as Mr. Blue and White is a very serious one and takes sincerity, dedication and a willingness to represent and work. The basic responsibility of Mr. Blue and White is to develop the theoretical relationship between Morehouse, Spelman and other colleges and universities. The position is very time consuming for there are many small things that come up in which this position has to respond to. This is why I make an appeal to you in choosing the second Mr. Blue and White that you look for these qualities, for they are of supreme importance.

These innovative ideas I speak of, Ebony Queens, are specifically directed to the change in the history of Spelman and Morehouse. For the first time in the history of both Spelman and Morehouse and possibly in the history of American Colleges to elect the male counter-parts to Miss Maroon and White, and Class Queens. May this be embedded as a tradition, may you continue to wake up and finally, may God, peace, love and happiness guide your every step.

It has been a pleasure, privilege and honor to represent you. I love you because you are part of me.

Respectfully yours,
Joseph C. Parker, Jr.
Mr. Blue and White, 1973-74

My name is Carl Stromberg and I am an inmate of Attica state prison. I am serving a sentence of twenty-five years. I am writing to you with the hopes that I can perhaps acquire a correspondent(s). I have been in prison since 1970 and I am twenty-seven years old. I would sincerely like to correspond with Black students since I have many ideas that I would like to exchange. I am also extremely lonely because I am unable to find anyone that I can sincerely relate to. Also because I am in a special housing unit where I stay in my cell 22 hours a day.

Perhaps you could print this letter in your paper or maybe pass it around. I would be forever grateful to you for a correspondent. I want desperately to send and receive letters from persons I can relate to. Thank you in advance. Could you possibly send me a copy of your paper? Thanks again.

Hopefully,

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International Telegraph & Telephone; American Screw; and DuPont to name a few had become significant forces in the Chilean way of life. In September of 1970 Salvador Allende was elected president with just over 36% of the vote. Allende's platform sought control of Chile's natural resources and vast industries. Immediately following his installation Allende ordered a freeze on prices and an increase in wages. Following this order, General Renee Sneider, Chief of Staff, was assassinated by a group of supposed ultra right conservatives. This was the second attempt to discredit the young marxist government; the first attempt was the withdrawal of all American aid in hopes that what would ensue would be the collapse of the Allende administration. It is interesting to note here that despite the discontinuation of American economic aid, American military aid persisted. Striking out against foreign industry, Allende nationalized copper.

October of seventy-two witnessed a strike initiated by truck owners. In support, shopkeepers, doctors, and industry went on strike. Nationalized railways could not combat the food shortages caused by the massive strike. With the aid of professors, students, and workers the internal distribution of food was successful and the strike was ended in November.

On June 29, the first unsuccessful *coup de tat* was attempted as a result of miscalculations by American backed Chilean conservatives. In spite of Chile's economic situation, Allende's party won a majority in the congressional elections. In July and August the truck owners, again backed by shopkeepers, doctors, and industry, held another strike; saturated this time with surrealistic terrorism.

On September 11, there was a successful military take-over in Chile. In Santiago where Professor Ritter was located, a forty-eight hour curfew was enforced. During the junta leaflets were distributed urging Chilean citizens to report all foreigners, with special regard to Cubans. Shortly afterwards, military police demanded entrance to Professor Ritter's apartment "and," said the professor, "I was told to get rid of any books, papers, and documents that had anything to do with Allende and socialism." Ritter was then arrested, beaten, placed on a truck with other prisoners and taken to the Chilean National stadium which held approximately twelve thousand prisoners. At the stadium the professor was placed in a locker room designed to comfortably accommodate eleven people with one-hundred and eighty other prisoners. During this time Ritter was given no aid from the American Embassy who, prior to his arrest, directed him and other Americans to "stay in the house." While incarcerated Ritter testifies that, using United States weapons, the military police would often

shoot people at random as "pure intimidation." According to Ritter there was no first aid for the wounded and dying prisoners. The Chilean Red Cross was allowed inside the stadium walls once a day with supplies of fresh fruit for the women only. "As an American" Ritter said, "I thought I was pretty safe. I found later that two Americans, one a friend of mine, had been shot dead."

After being held four days, the American Embassy retained the release of all American prisoners. The prisoners were required to leave Chile within seventy-two hours after their release and were never to be allowed entrance to the South American country again. They were also "forced" to sign a blank confession and a statement declaring that they had not been mistreated. Ritter later discovered that he had been slated for execution as a socialist.

Following the military coup and Allende's death, Chile's unemployment rate experienced an increase and inflation reappeared on the scene. Presently, no political news is broadcasted with the exception of the junta news service — three times a day. "No where in South America has a coup produced so many dead . . . so many prisoners," says Ritter.

The Organization of American States will have met here in Atlanta April 19-May 1. Appearing on its agenda for the first time will have been the plight of political prisoners and the use of torture in Chile today.

LETTERS

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Dear Editor,

Would you please enter my letter in your student newspaper for correspondence to any young lady "who would be interested" in corresponding with me. My name is Reginald E. Bailey, 25 years old, 5'9½", 170 lbs., eyes brown, hair brown, Afro. I am a black male, born under the sign of Aquarius. I write poetry, I am broadminded, intelligent and very sensitive. I am at the Federal Prison at McNeil Island, in the State of Washington, near Tacoma. I would enjoy sending any young lady there any of my poetry, and would love hearing from them as soon as they can write, because it is very lonely up here in the Northwest, without any correspondence. I am from Washington, D.C.

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CLASS WILL

We, the 1974 Senior Class of Spelman College, on this 1st day of May, in the year of 1974 being of sound mind and body, leave our last will and testament.

1. I, Gail Adams (Patches), will to Wendi Bemby a bottle of Tab.

2. I, Deborah Garron, will my ability to maintain my sanity to Patricia Sprigner.

3. I, Deborah Robinson, will to Janice Robinson Dreams & Wishes of becoming a Delta, and my old T.I.D. Tee Shirt.

4. I, Vale Anderson, will to my little sisters Vike George, 40 lbs. and to Juvena Walls much success.

5. I, Patrice Hinnant, will to my best friend the glass maker with your window pane personality: May the stones you cast return to you and shatter your world with all of my sincerity, loyalty, and admiration.

6. I, Eunice Weaver, will to Rhonda Hurley, my "C" in Economic Seminar hoping that she will make it next year.

7. I, Lisa Stamper, will to Valerie Best my Political Theory notes and to Pam Hampton, my room with the private bathroom.

8. I, Wilhelmena Bowling, will to my best friend Deborah Pitts my tennis racket.

9. I, Deborah Allen, will to every underclassman who wants to lose weight my 1000 calories a day diet. May it be as successful for you as it was for me.

10. I, Donna Hall, will to Blanche Mickle the ability to ace her psyc. course under Dr. Eagleson.

11. I, Margarite Miller, will to my friend and suitemate, Lynette Ross, my 20/20 vision so that she will be able to differentiate the men from the women and also continue to make her innovation known to the world of fashion.

12. I, Anita Beeks, will all P.E. majors my socks, tennis shoes, P.E. notes and books and a lifetime membership in the Randall Club of Spelman and to my St. Louis home girls Donzella and Robin, my cap and gown so that they can be sure to have legal regalia next year.

13. I, Audrey Bradley, leave to Miss Clark my thick Black Book; may she use it wisely.

14. I, Tandelyn A. Atkinson, will to all my Houston home girls and my little sister, Annetta Smith, the ability to persevere to the end and graduate.

15. I, Yolanda "Yogi" Jones, leave to Debbie Newton, Amelia Hamilton and Marion Cobb the strength and stamina to continue their journalism.

16. I, Carol Foster, will to the Junior Class this saying, "Pray to God and ask him for strength."

17. I, Trojanell Bordenave, will to Donna Ganier one years' supply of red beans and hot sausage. To the Co-op Education Dept. an

elevator and a soda machine and to Edwina Bullock, my notes in Experimental Psych.

18. I, Hermita Dees, will to Monique Jackson all my leftover tickets to Dayton and to Ernestine Clayton my seminar paper in Economic.

19. I, Vanessa Madden, will to Dr. Allison a guardian angel who will help him be good; and the hope of success to my fellow colleagues who endeavor to be musicians.

20. I, Donna Martin, will all future happiness and success to all my Spelman sisters.

21. I, Debra Harris, will to "the chump" two inches of my height and hope that now she will be satisfied.

22. I, Carrie Richardson, will to all other underclassmen my endurance to deal with Spelman for four years.

23. I, Leslie Roach, will my ability to speak Spanish to Miss Howard, and I will to LeeNovia, Sheila, Charisse, Renee, Monique and Lisa a can of beer and my ability to do the "drunk man." Ann Wynn gets my Ultra Sheen permanent that really doesn't exist and my nice body.

24. We, the Hollywood Swingers, leave to Denise Hartsfield two earrings for one pair.

25. I, Pokey, leave Margaret Phillips, a bottle of Listerine to clean her dirty mouth.

26. I, Yolanda "Yogi" Jones, will to Dr. Robert Perdue, Dr. Richard De Payner, Dr. Steven Goldfarb, Mr. Yanub and Mr. Mac Gebre-Hewitt, the book *Everything You*

Always Wanted to Know About Sex But Didn't Know What to Ask.

27. I, Lynn Vick, will to "Penny" Jones a pair of scissors to keep her shotgun so neat next year.

28. We, the former residents of the 3rd floor Manley Hall will to Ella Hubbard a rose with many thorns.

29. I, Pat Cabell, will to Debra Finley my round trip ticket to Durham, N.C. via Syracuse, N.Y., U.S. Air Force.

30. We, the residents of the 3rd Floor New Dorm, who have a good view of the back gate leave to Sara Barnes one blue volkswagon with magwheels that you never had.

31. We, the 3rd floor of the New Dorm, will to the satin and glitter group (Jewel Campbell, Acie Poole, Cynt Walker, Diane Brewer & Fagella Pitman), 6 foot platform shoes, 2 lbs. of glitter, 40 yards of satin and a book on "How to be Hip."

32. I, Dedra Bryant, will to Sadie Johnson, my diamond in the back, sunroof top, 74 Cutless Supreme.

33. We, "the group," leave to Patrice Hinnant a beauty pagent and a burger king crown.

34. I, the Dean of Probates, leave to the last line, the "Supreme 18," the burning sands which they never saw.

35. We, the "DIRTY THIRTY" were here, and are going to will to Spelman our individuality in not being a typical Spelman woman.



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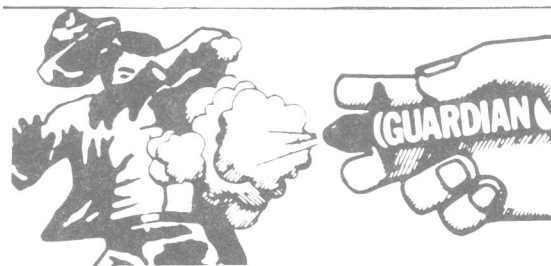




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A Freshman Perspective

by Sylvia A. Wofford

On a cool Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. my Continental Trailways bus arrived in Atlanta. The climax had come and I had reached my destination. Filled with anxiety and anticipation, I gathered up my luggage and began my cab ride to Spelman College. My palms were sweaty and I couldn't wait until I arrived on the expansive campus with luxurious lawns and Southern style dormitories as had been described in *Essence* magazine.

When I arrived at dear Spelman's front gate I had two disappointments. The first disappointment hit me quite suddenly because when the cab driver had driven onto the campus I couldn't believe that this miniature campus with staid looking buildings was the same as had been described to me. My visions of an expansive campus were sharply disrupted by this reality. My second disappointment came when the cab driver told me what my cab fare was. Thus began my first day at Spelman College and my first rip-off.

On that day I felt like I had once felt fourteen years ago when my mother had dropped me off at a nursery school where I didn't know a soul. I couldn't feel helpless for long however because I knew I was alone and no one else was going to carry my fifty pound cumbersome trunk up the steps of Morehouse Hall but me. One thing I noticed as soon as I arrived was the friendliness of the girls here at Spelman. There were girls all over campus wearing "Spelman Sister" buttons. One of them welcomed me to the school and showed me where my dorm was.

After getting all my luggage settled in my room and resting for a moment or two I walked around and introduced myself to the other girls. When I returned to my room another girl was there who I immediately assumed was my roommate. She was accompanied by her parents and I suddenly felt very self-conscious that I did not have my parents with me. I soon realized however that there were others who had come without parents and we quickly banded together and explored Spelman.

Those first few weeks went by in a whirlwind. Freshman Orientation week was great. The hard work done the previous semester by the S.G.A. and other students paid off in making us feel welcome. How delicious those cafeteria meals were during those first few weeks. Then when the word was sent out

that all parents had left Spelman campus, out came the Spam.

There were many things to do that fall. I had gotten involved in the Maynard Jackson campaign and I stood in front of Washington High School on voting day for twelve hours trying to do last minute persuading on people headed for the polls.

The day came when the new cafeteria opened. Everyone was filled with anticipation and pride as we headed toward our first meal in the new cafeteria. There was a slight anticlimax however when we realized that the food was the same.

During this time we were still taking tests. We had taken every type of test there was it seemed; tests that tested our reading skills, tests that tested our intelligence, and questionnaires that asked if we believed in premarital sex and interracial marriage, and a lot of other irrelevant questions.

New friends were made all the time and I adjusted myself to my three roommates. Classes had to be attended as had convocations and Freshman Orientation meetings. Our freshman orientation class was hip. Ms. White would hold rap sessions with us and there were always good vibrations.

There were jazz concerts, rock concerts, plays and for a few weeks there was a dark shroud of fear over the campus concerning the rapings of two girls. The gossip got worse and worse about the incidents until there had allegedly been twelve rapes which had occurred all over campus and in every place except Sisters Chapel. The Blue & White Ball was a successful event as were many activities. The S.G.A. elections were exciting and everyone was on pins and needles to hear the final results for S.G.A. president.

The year is almost over and we are now ending our freshman year, many of us that started out in September are not here and many are not coming back as sophomores.

Spelman's campus no longer seems quite so miniature to me. The buildings have all come to stand for something, and the lawns are now in their extravaganza, showing off the greenery of dear Spelman.

I have traded my Continental Trailways bus for an Eastern Airlines 707, and as I soar back to New York for the summer I will be curious as to what my sophomore year will bring.

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To the Spotlight:

We the students of Spelman would like to extend our congratulations to our favorite "Honky" — Dr. "D" who will celebrate his 61st birthday on April 30th, and his ninth year at Spelman, and his 17th year in Black Colleges, and his 39th year in the teaching profession.

Dr. "D" is an Oreo in reverse, white on the outside but "Black" on the inside. In the past seventeen years he was active in Civil Rights movements in Louisiana, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Mississippi and Georgia. Dr. "D" was arrested on his first day in Georgia, on his way back to S. Carolina after visiting Spelman for the first time in 1965, he was arrested as an activist and thrown in jail in Madison, Georgia; he has been chased out of Mississippi by the K.K.K., beaten up in Louisiana, jailed in N. Carolina, and threatened, shot at, had fiery crosses burned on his front lawn, and finally shot in the leg in Smyrna, Georgia in 1971.

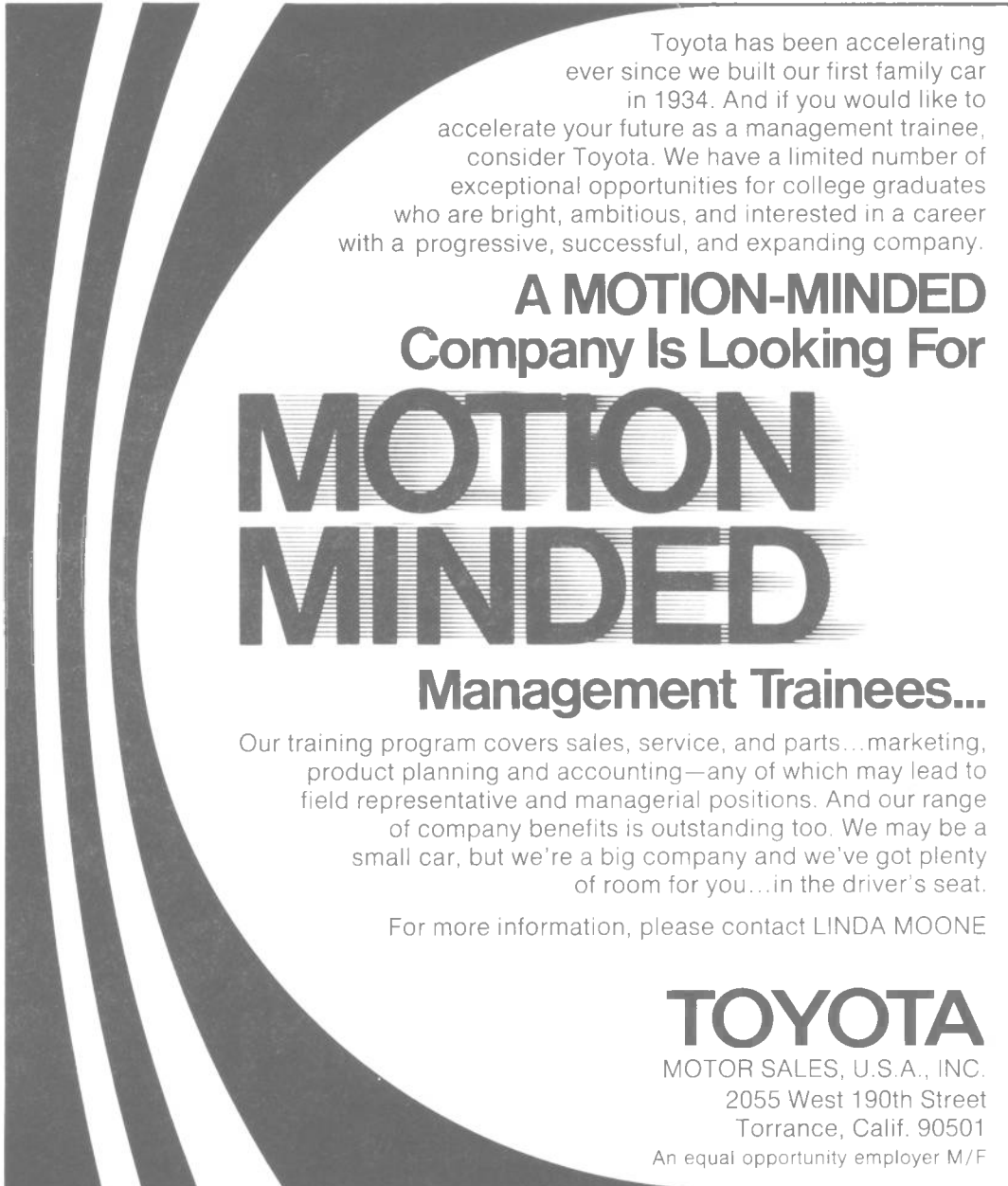
When asked if he is still active in the movement, Dr. "D" says only in a passive way right now, with writing, he says, he can't run as fast as he used to, that his "streaking days" were over before they ever got started. He says if he had his life to live over, he would still want to teach, and has only one regret and that is he had not heard of Spelman before 1965 — we know he loves the Spelman gals, and Dr. "D" the feeling is mutual.

Dr. "D's" philosophy is summed up in a plaque hanging over his desk: *He who dares to teach and lead, Must never cease to learn.*

All the best Dr. "D" and many, many more!

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STATE LOANS...

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An important feature of the current law retained in the new bill will continue to enable students from families with an adjusted income of more than \$15,000 to qualify for a subsidized loan if the post-secondary educational institution recommends a subsidized loan based upon family resources data submitted by the family. Therefore, families with two or more children in college who have an adjusted family income of more than \$15,000 will most likely be eligible to obtain a subsidized loan.

"Subsidized," explains Don Payton, GHEAC Executive Director and President of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, "means that the federal government will pay the interest on the loan while the student is in school. Students, then, are responsible for the seven percent interest which begins accruing after the educational program is completed."

The National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, composed of state and private guarantee or direct state lending agencies involved in the administration of the guaranteed student loan program, has taken the lead from the beginning in bringing about the restoration of simplicity and accessibility in the loan program.

Payton, as President of NCHELP since April of 1973, has convened the Council in repeated sessions in Washington and directed its efforts toward revising the law. The Council was the first and only national group to call the Congress' attention to what was happening in the program to students, to parents and to lenders in testimony before Congress as early as the summer of 1973.

Payton testified on June 22, 1973, before the Senate Special Subcommittee on Education chaired by Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island; and, on July 26, 1973, before the House Special Subcommittee on Education chaired by Congressman James O'Hara of Michigan. In an effort to bring about changes in the loan program, Payton again testified before the House committee as recently as February 5, 1974.

NCHELP has been commended for its leadership, its assistance to the Congress and for its help on this particular issue by members of the Congressional staff and the Congressmen and Senators who have been involved with legislation concerning the loan program.

by debbi newton

Somehow, I still believe in the payback.

During spring break, not only was I unable to maintain an indisputably ebony brown tan (compliments del sol), I also missed out on an opportunity to see a few of the "icons and images" of the jazz world. And so, woe to those who forget that Spring always brings the vanguard jazz musicians where they are clamored for by the neophytes. The trail of Rush Street in Chicago's Old Town (Myles Davis and George Benson were there!!!) All jazzed in at the Jazz ShowCase. A familiar spot for those of you who are familiar with that certain kind of coziness. For those of you who are not, you are still missing out on the better things in life. My advice? Let your next vacation take you through O'Hare. (I'm an Aquarian with a rising Libra...)

Things started getting better however. One day, WCLK, the broadcasting voice of Clark College came on the air and Atlanta was turned on exclusively to some heavy music-men/women, creators, geniuses what have you. What they did on 91.9 FM made Howard Harrelld a viable option between that and an impromptu set being held at Robert Hall. (Morehouse campus. Remember Camille?)

Let's see. Stamps went up two cents and no one bothered to mention it... oh, there were plenty of complaints but no forensic statements so to speak. The cost of communication going up? Oh brother! The revolution will not be televised. I repeat...

Student government took a turn. It became more assertive. More sophisticated. Locally, the students moved *en masse* to elect the first Black mayor in a major southern city. Female leadership in the Atlanta University Center undergraduate institutions took on a more broadly developed role with vivacious Dyan Raysor at Spelman... Dorris Wright at Clark. Merely indicating that Tee, Belva, and Mildred were right, "a new breed" of women have emerged here. Student publications attest to it (... and God bless Yogi and the 1974-75 *Spotlight* budget).

Let's face it. Everything costs something. Including Kissinger's smile! As a matter of fact, the only thing that is getting freer in American society is sex. And if we don't watch it, even that will cost us.

Swing and Delta continued in their excellence despite another negative ruling by the Board of Trustees. Morehouse Hall is undergoing the final stages of renovation. Morris Brown joined us in our protest against the O.A.S. (the Organization of American States, for those of you who still don't know.) And for those of you who haven't taken the

time to notice, Ms. Barbara Brown is becoming a more versatile upperclass counselor.

Stan Denton's precision in the field and Eugene Duffy's organization promise to seriously curtail student apathy at Morehouse next year. And also by this time next year, there will be more transfer students deciding to stay here in the Atlanta University Center (a unanimous choice Jay and Gwen!!!) Have a good summer Turtle, Fannie, Fast Cap, Ms. Fields/Meadows, Ms. Beck, Pier, Sylvia, Saderia, Kaye, 3Js, cathia, Dr. Carroll, Howard Harrelld Hall, Spelman, Atlanta University Center, *Spotlight* staff... dot-dee-dot-da, dot-dee-dot-da, dot-dee-dot-da... weather report...



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